

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 17 and amend Claims 18 and 19 as follows.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (previously presented) A ceiling air-blowing device for a vehicle air conditioner that has an air conditioner unit for air-conditioning a compartment of a vehicle, the device comprising:

a ceiling wall disposed along a ceiling portion of the vehicle to define an air passage, and

a supply duct through which air from the air conditioner is supplied to the air passage;

wherein the ceiling wall is formed with a plurality of holes, and openings of the holes are defined on a lower surface of the ceiling wall so that the air flowing through the air passage is blown off into the compartment through the holes,

wherein the holes are disposed such that a total area of the openings of the holes per unit area at a first position that is proximate to an outlet end of the supply duct is smaller than that at a second position that is farther from the outlet end of the supply duct than the first position.

2. (previously presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the holes are formed such that the area of each opening increases with its distance from the outlet end of the supply duct.

3. (original) The device according to claim 2, wherein the holes are formed such that the area of each opening varies with respect to a transverse direction of the ceiling wall.

4. (withdrawn) The device according to claim 2, wherein the holes are formed such that the area of each opening varies with respect to a longitudinal direction of the ceiling wall.

5. (withdrawn) The device according to claim 2, wherein the holes are formed such that the area of each opening varies with respect to longitudinal and transverse directions of the ceiling wall.

6. (withdrawn) The device according to claim 1, wherein the holes are formed such that the number of holes at the first position is smaller than that at the second position.

7. (previously presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the supply duct is arranged to extend along a pillar of the vehicle.

8.-17. (cancelled)

18. (currently amended) ~~The device according to claim 17, wherein, A ceiling air-blowing device for a vehicle air conditioner that has an air conditioner unit for air-conditioning a compartment of a vehicle, the device comprising:~~

a ceiling wall disposed along a ceiling portion of the vehicle to define an air passage, and

a supply duct through which air from the air conditioner is supplied to the air passage, wherein the supply duct comprises a first side duct which supplies air to a first side of the air passage and a second duct which supplies air to a second side of the air passage, the first side of the air passage is opposite to the second side of the air passage, and the supply duct being arranged to extend along a pillar of the vehicle,

wherein the ceiling wall is formed with a plurality of holes, and openings of the holes are defined on a lower surface of the ceiling wall so that the air flowing through the air passage is blown off into the compartment through the holes,

wherein the holes are formed such that the area of each opening varies with respect to a transverse direction of the ceiling wall and disposed such that a total area of the openings of the holes per unit area at a first position that is proximate to an outlet end of the supply duct is smaller than that at a second position that is farther from the outlet end of the supply duct than the first position.

19. (currently amended) The device according to claim [[17]] 18, wherein the diameter of the holes increase in a direct relation to a distance from the first side duct.

20. (previously presented) The device according to claim 19, wherein the diameter of the holes increase in a direct relation to a distance from the second side duct.

21. (previously presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the diameter of the holes increase in a direct relation to a distance from the supply duct.